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## EQUATORIAL GUINEA ENHANCING PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES WITH STATE OF THE ART MEDICAL CENTER

BATA (June 9, 2010) – Equatorial Guinea (República de Guinea Ecuatorial) is advancing its public health services with an ultramodern hospital in Bata, the country's most populous city. One of the most sophisticated hospitals in West Africa, La Paz Medical Center operates in complete compliance with international standards and employs highly advanced technology systems.

"The people of Equatorial Guinea are being served well by this modern medical facility," said Minister of Health and Social Welfare Francisco-Pascual Obama Asue. "La Paz hospital is just one of the many investments the government of Equatorial Guinea has made in recent years to promote improved public health. There are numerous hospitals being constructed all throughout the country."

La Paz is a full-service hospital offering expertise in radiology, emergency and intensive care, urology, pediatrics, gynecology obstetrics, surgery, dentistry, and ophthalmology. With close to 130 beds, the Medical Center's delivery rooms, recovery rooms, laboratories, pharmacies, and clinics allow highly trained medical staff to serve those in need.

The hospital is a joint venture between the government of Equatorial Guinea and Medical Services International Inc, and operates under the guidance of Sheba Medical Center at Tel Hashomer, Israel's national medical center and the most comprehensive medical center in the Middle East.

With this state of the art hospital, Equatorial Guinea will be able to provide high quality health services throughout the country and region. It is also just one of several modern hospitals and medical facilities being constructed in Equatorial Guinea as a part of the government's investment in public health.

### *About Equatorial Guinea*

The Republic of Equatorial Guinea (República de Guinea Ecuatorial) is the only Spanish-speaking country in Africa, and one of the smallest nations on the continent. In the late-1990s, American companies helped discover the country's oil and natural gas reserves, which only within the last five years began contributing significantly to the global energy supply. Equatorial Guinea is now investing in its people and economy, and working to serve as a pillar of stability and security in West Central Africa. The country will host the 2011 Summit of the African Union. For more information, visit <http://www.guineacecuatorialpress.com>.

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